

Sri S. SIVAPPA.—How did the Government allow a man who is not mentally all right to continue in service and that too, in an engineering division in Sharavathy Project?

Sri VEERENDRA PATIL.—That is why the Chief Engineer, Sharavathy Project, wrote to Government saying that he should be withdrawn from there. Afterwards, he went on leave for 2 months.

Sri S. SIVAPPA.—Did Government consult any mental expert and ask this man to be examined by him?

Sri VEERENDRA PATIL.—It was not necessary.

Sri SANJEEVANATH AIKALA.—Does the Hon'ble Minister know that he was married only last year and that he has got one child?

Sri VEERENDRA PATIL.—I have no personal information about him.

Depressed Class Agricultural Colonies started in the State since 1957.

*Q.—403. **Sri K. H. RANGANATH (Mudigere).**—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(a) the total number of Depressed Class Agricultural Colonies that were started in the State from the year 1957 to March 1962;

(b) the total number of families that are living and cultivating the land in these colonies;

(c) the amount spent on the construction of houses in the colonies and on bullocks and agricultural implements and other facilities;

(d) whether the inhabitants of any of these colonies have abandoned the colonies and if so, why?

A.—**Sri G. NARAYANA GOWDA (Minister for Agriculture).**—

(a) No. Agricultural Colonies exclusively for the Depressed Classes were started in the State during the

(b), (c) and (d) Does not arise in view of the reasons given above to clause (a). .

Sri K. H. RANGANATH.—Is it not a fact that agricultural colonies for Depressed Classes have been opened in Hiriyr Taluk and Challakere Taluk of Chitradurga District and that they are functioning?

Sri G. NARAYANA GOWDA.—I will clarify the position. Unfortunately the Hon'ble Member has used the word "Depressed Class" which is not obtainable now. Perhaps, on account of that, I have given this negative reply. Perhaps he means by depressed class, Scheduled Class. If that presumption is correct, I think I would have given the correct answer. Even now, if that presumption is correct, I can give the correct answer.

Sri K. H. RANGANATH.—I have conscientiously used that word. Depressed Class also includes Bovis, Korachas and Lambanis and Scheduled Class connotes only untouchables. Therefore, colonies have been started in the State for Bovis, Korachas, Lambanis and Scheduled Castes. I have conscientiously used the word "Depressed Class" which was in vogue in old Mysore area also. If the Hon'ble Minister were to say that I did not mean scheduled caste people

Sri G. NARAYANA GOWDA.—I want the Hon'ble Member to refer to the Constitution Order that was amended in 1956.

Sri K. H. RANGANATH.—I know that, Sir.

Sri G. NARAYANA GOWDA.—There are no colonies exclusively for Depressed Classes.

Sri K. H. RANGANATH.—Are there colonies for scheduled castes in the State?

Sri G. NARAYANA GOWDA.—To such a question, I would have clearly answered. There is a long list. With the Speaker's permission, I can lay it on the Table of the House.

Mr. SPEAKER.—It may be laid on the Table of the House.